employed in civil posts. These provide for :—

(i) revision of pay of re-employed persons from old scales to new scales with effect from 1-1-1986;

(ii) deduction of non-ignorable part of revised pension from the part of revised scales with effect from 1-1-1986;

(iii) enhancing the limit for pay on re-employment plus pensionary benefits from Rs. 3500 to Rs. 8000; and

(iv) not deducting the pension equivalent of gratuity from the pay fixed on re-employment.

4386. [*Transfered to the 30th August*, 1988]

Deletion of 'Epilepsy' from Divorce Law

4387. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum regarding deletion of "epilepsy" as one of the grounds for divorce ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration inconsultation with the State Governments.

Escalation in the Cost of Mega Project

4388. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the major reasons for the cost over runs of Rs. 15,555 crores in the implementation of Mega Projects ; and

(b) what emergent measures are being taken to complete tlese projects on time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The reasons for cost escalation of large projects include resource constraints, price escalation, inadequate investigation at the project formulation stage, difficulties in land acquisition and building materials at times.

(b) The State Governments have been advised to priorities the projects for optimal allocation of available resources and lay stress on completion of ongoing projects which are in an advanced stage of completion. Steps taken by the Centre include earmarking of funds to select projects, provision of scarce construction material and arranging external assistance wherever possible for augmenting the financial resources of the State.

Increase in the Imports of ET&T

4389. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on assumption of offic e as Chairman of ET&T by a private sector industrialist the imports of ET&T jumped from Rs. 15.25 crores in 1982 to Rs. 55.59 crores in 1984-85 and Rs. 54.59 crores in 1985-86; and

(b) if so, how much commission was paid to private companies in India for these imports and whether any of these private companies belong directly or indirectly to the Chairman of ET&T who is known to be the a major or substantial shareholder of the APLOT group of companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN):(a) Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corpn. (ET&T) imports, turnover and Agency Commission paid on imports from 1982-83 to 1985-86 is as under :—

(Figures in Rupees crores)

Year	Imports (FOB Value)	Turnover	Commission paid on imports	Commission as % of total imports
1982-83 . .	20.61	63.46£	0.29	1.41
1983-84 . .	15.92	31.24	0.28	1.76
1984-85 . .	51.80	75.82	0.15	0.29
1985-86 . .	54.77	124.57	0.23	0.42

£Includes Rs. 45.11 crores turnover for Asiad'82.

The increased imports are commensuarate with the growth in ET&T's business and major portion of imports of year 1984-85 and 1985-86 include import of Colour Picture Tubes due to Colour TV boom in India.

(b) Out of the commission paid on above imports to private companies in India, no commission has been paid to companies in which Chairman, ET&T is directly or indirectly Interested.

Orders placed by the Chairman, ET&T

4390. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of ET&T have placed Orders with his own companies, such as Applied Electronics Limited, Bombay for equipments which have been supplied by ET&T to the Black Cat Commando Head Quarters in Gurgaon, and this was done without any tender; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) (a) and (b) No, Sir, the decision to place the order was taken by ET&T and also retified by the Board of Directors of ET&T.

The order was placed as a part of the total turnkey project given to ET&T by National Security Guards (NSG). No public tender was given in view of the fact that M/s. Applied Electronics Limited, Bombay had already demonstrated the capability of prototype of the System to NSG before ET&T came into picture and also in view of sensitive nature of the project, the developmental work involved and tight time being given by NSG.

Statement made by the Chairman ET&T

4391. Shri SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of ET&T a public sector